GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Old Age Pension
Pal Shri Jagdambika

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the beneficiaries under the national old age pension scheme, national widow pension scheme, national family benefit scheme and other such pension schemes under the Ministry;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred on the above mentioned schemes in the last two years, state-wise;

(c) whether any cases of irregularities or mismanagement of cases under these schemes have been reported in the last two years; and

(d) the other measures taken by the Government along-with the action taken by the Government in such cases and the measures taken by the Government to ensure that the ultimate beneficiaries get the complete benefits they are entitled to without any inconvenience?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): Details of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) and National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) are at Annexure-I.

(b) : Details of the expenditure reported by the States /UTs under the pension schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) during the last two years as at Annexure-II.

(c) &(d) : Identification of beneficiaries, sanction and disbursement of pension under the schemes of NSAP is done by the State /UT Governments. No large number of cases of mismanagements of cases under the schemes have been reported in the last two years. However, any grievances or complaints received in respect of implementation of schemes under NSAP are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for appropriate action.

The Ministry of Rural Development has put in place a mechanism to monitor the schemes through appointment of National Level Monitors (NLMs), Area Officer's visits, holding of
State and District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meetings and periodical Performance Review Committee (PRC) meetings. Social Audit and Annual Verification has also been introduced under NSAP for improved monitoring, accountability and transparency. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has also been introduced in the pension scheme of NSAP so that the pension may be transferred in the accounts of beneficiaries regularly.

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